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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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MEDICINE FOR COMBATING AIDS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any policy to check AIDS;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any medicine has been developed by AIDS Research Institute of India to cure AIDS;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which it is likely to hit the market?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)&(b): The Government of India has formulated the National AIDS Prevention and Control Policy. The objectives and goals of the policy are to reiterate government's commitment to prevent the spread of HIV infection and reduce any adverse economic and social impact; to generate a feeling of ownership among all the participants at government and non-government levels to make it a national effort; to create an enabling socio-economic environment for prevention of HIV/AIDS; to provide care and support to people living with HIV/AIDS and to ensure protection/promotion of their human rights; to de-centralize HIV/AIDS control programme to the field level with adequate financial and administrative delegation of responsibilities; to strengthen programme management capabilities; to bring in horizontal integration at the implementation level with other national programmes; to prevent women, children and other socially weak groups from becoming vulnerable to HIV infection by improving health education, legal status and economic prospects; to provide an adequate and equitable provision of health care to HIV infected people to constantly interact with international and bilateral agencies for support and cooperation; to ensure availability of adequate and safe blood and blood products and to promote better understanding of HIV infection among people, especially students, youth and other sexually active sections to generate greater awareness about the nature of its transmission; and to adopt safe behavioural practices for prevention.

(c): No, Sir.

(d) & (e): Does not arise.